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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Monday, 13 September 2004

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10 a.m. 5031st meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Letter dated 23 August 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/679)

3 p.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room

Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2004/708)

Other matters

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

3 p.m. 95th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Working Group (A/58/47). [56]

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General Assembly

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

United Nations High Commissioner's Office for Refugees (UNHCR)

Investments Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the session [1]
 - (a) Statements by the President and the Executive Director
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work (E/ICEF/2004/12) [2]
3. Decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2004 that are of relevance to UNICEF: oral report [3]
4. Midterm review of the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) for 2002-2005 (E/ICEF/2004/13) [4]

3–6 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 2

1. Midterm review of the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) for 2002-2005 (E/ICEF/2004/13) [4]
2. Analysis of the utilization of regular and other resources by country and by aggregate for the priority areas of the MTSP (E/ICEF/2004/16) [5]
3. The updated humanitarian priorities of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2004/14) [6]

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold the United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People on the theme "Ending the Occupation – A key prerequisite for achieving peace in the Middle East" on *Monday, 13 September 2004*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., and on *Tuesday, 14 September*, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to be followed by workshops in the afternoon. All Governments, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies are invited to attend the plenary meetings as observers.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, pre-session informal consultations on South-South cooperation will take place on *Monday, 13 September 2004*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Monday, 13 September 2004

African Group (Fifth Committee matters)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (briefing by the Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Group of 77 (core group on international cooperation in tax matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

Monday, 13 September 2004

Room S-226

- 11 a.m. H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte, President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly
- 12 noon Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 14 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

- 3 p.m. 1st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly
 2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
 3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
 4. Organization of work of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351)¹

¹ To be issued.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 50 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, and Friday, 17 September, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal briefing

The Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, will hold an informal briefing on Second Committee related matters, on Tuesday, 14 September 2004, at 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Third Committee

Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Chairman-elect of the Third Committee, H.E. Mr. Valeriy P. Kuchinsky (Ukraine), will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 15 September 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will be held on Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on issues before the resumed substantive session for 2004.

Resumed substantive session 2004

The Economic and Social Council will convene a meeting of its resumed substantive session 2004, on Thursday, 16 September 2004, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

The Commission on the Status of Women will hold informal consultations on preparations for its forty-ninth session, on Tuesday, 14 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

Informal consultations

During the second regular session for 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (13-17 September), informal consultations will take place as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 14 September, from 1 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2: Tenth anniversary of the Year of the Family

*Thursday, 16 September, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2:
Maternal mortality in West and Central Africa*

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

The second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will be held from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 September 2004, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2004/L.3.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (fax 1 (212) 906-5634) as early as possible, but no later than *Monday, 13 September 2004*.

Informal consultations

In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, informal consultations will take place before the session as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 14 September, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. at UNOPS Headquarters: UNOPS progress report

Wednesday, 15 September, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6: United Nations Capital Development Fund

Thursday, 16 September, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8: Strategic cost management

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings on the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from Permanent Missions attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. *General briefing on the work of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly:* Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.
2. *Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. *Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 3 to 6 p.m.

4. *Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee*: Monday, 20 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing and panel discussion on the *African Economic Outlook*

There will be a briefing on the *African Economic Outlook* by the African Development Bank and the OECD Development Centre, on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing, sponsored jointly by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), will be followed by a panel discussion, to be chaired by Ms. Yvette Stevens, Director of OSAA. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. David C. O'Connor, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212)-963-4677; e-mail oonor3@un.org).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 24 September and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Deadline for the nomination of candidates for election as permanent judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

Member States and non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at United Nations Headquarters are reminded that the deadline for the nomination of candidates for election as permanent judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia will expire on *Monday, 13 September 2004*. Any nominations that they may wish to make should be communicated to the Legal Counsel (room S-3427A) before the close of business on that date.

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

At a public meeting of the Security Council, to be held on Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) will hold a briefing for all interested Member States on the work of the Committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Ionut Suseanu, Permanent Mission of Romania (tel. 1 (212) 682-3274; e-mail ionut.suseanu@romaniaun.org) or the Secretariat focal point, Mr. Jeremy Farrall (tel. 1 (212) 963-2475; e-mail: farrall@un.org).

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 90 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

General Assembly**Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session**

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 10 September 2004

Security Council

5029th (closed) meeting *Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 10 September 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5029th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Ethiopia and Eritrea.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Legwaila and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had a constructive exchange of views."

5030th meeting

The question concerning Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on Haiti (S/2004/698)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Haiti, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/32).

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

94th plenary meeting

Hurricanes in the Caribbean

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the people of the countries of the Caribbean, particularly the Bahamas, Cuba, Grenada and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage that have resulted from the recent hurricanes in the area.

The representative of Grenada made a statement.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/58/855/Add.1, A/58/855/Add.2 and A/58/855/Add.3) [124]

The General Assembly took note that Benin, Cape Verde and Mauritania had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/58/855/Add.1, A/58/855/Add.2 and A/58/855/Add.3).

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: fifth report of the General Committee (A/58/250/Add.4) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided, in accordance with paragraph 2 (c) of the annex to Assembly resolution 58/316, to submit to the Assembly at its forthcoming session section II of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005" (A/58/864).

The General Assembly also decided, in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316, to submit to the Assembly at its forthcoming session annex I of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session" (A/58/864), as orally revised on the proposal of the representative of the Netherlands on behalf of the European Union that item 46 of the draft agenda (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields) be considered in a joint debate with item 56 of the draft agenda (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit).

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences

Substantive session of 2004

461st-462nd meetings *Adoption of the report [8]*

The Rapporteur made a statement. Statements were then made by the representatives of Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and the United States, as well as by the observer for Canada.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 8 and adopted its draft report.

The Committee thus concluded its substantive session for 2004.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Kiribati (7 September 2004)¹

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Approval: Morocco (10 September 2004)¹

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Nauru (10 September 2004)¹

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Nauru (10 September 2004)¹

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Nauru (10 September 2004)¹

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Nauru (10 September 2004)¹

Treaty Event**Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians****United Nations Headquarters****(21-24 September 2004)**

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by *Monday, 13 September 2004*, for verification.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

**Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)**

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by *Monday, 13 September 2004*, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled *Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions, and Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts*. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (<http://untreaty.un.org>). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event

Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place from 23 to 24 September 2004 during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembe 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>.

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Other announcements**Photo exhibit**

The exhibit "Guatemala: Images of Peace" from the photographic collection of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA), organized by the Department of Political Affairs, in cooperation with MINUGUA and the Department of Public Information, will be on display from *Monday, 13 September 2004*, until the first week of October, in the south east corner of the Visitors' Lobby. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend the opening ceremony, to be held on *Tuesday, 14 September*, at 5.15 p.m. More information about the exhibit can be found at the following address: www.minugua.guate.net.gt.

Security announcement

A briefing for delegations from the Permanent and Observer Missions regarding protocol, security and organizational arrangements for the forthcoming general debate of the General Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 15 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Sergeant Yassin Sallam (tel. 1 (212) 963-2687 or 963-7531).

General information**Chairmen of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2004 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Congo
H.E. Mr. Basile Ikouebe

Asian States:

Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Fayssal Mekdad

Eastern European States:

Armenia
H.E. Mr. Armen Martirosyan

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Jamaica
H.E. Mr. Stafford O. Neil

Western European and other States:

Norway
H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald

Web sites*Presidency of the General Assembly:*

www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/president/bio.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm
www.un.org/ga/president
www.un.org/french/ga/president/58/office/president.html
www.un.org/russian/ga/58/presskit/bio.htm
www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/orgaus/ga/58/presidente/president.html

General Assembly:

www.un.org/arabic/ga/58/
www.un.org/chinese/ga/58/
www.un.org/ga/58/
www.un.org/french/ga/58/
www.un.org/russian/ga/58/
www.un.org/spanish/ga/58/

Department for General Assembly and Conference Management:

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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A/58/874/Add.1	Item 154 — International Criminal Court — Relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Criminal Court — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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- A/59/260 Item 76 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Report of the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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- A/59/280 Item 117 of the provisional agenda — Joint Inspection Unit — Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on Administration of Justice: harmonization of the statutes of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and the International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunal — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/59/333-S/2004/717 Item 57 (n) of the provisional agenda — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe — Identical letters dated 3 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

- S/2004/683 Letter dated 25 August 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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- DP/FPA/2004/15 Item 7 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Population Fund — Annual Financial Review, 2003 [A C E F R S]
- DP/FPA/2004/16 Item 9 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Population Fund — Midterm Review of the Technical Advisory Programme [A C E F R S]

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 2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia
- Progress report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2004/708)
- Morning¹ 5033rd meeting Security Council Chamber
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- Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 30 of resolution 1546 (2004) (S/2004/710)
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¹ To be held following the adjournment of the 5032nd meeting.

² To be held following the adjournment of the 5033rd meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

- 3 p.m. 1st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall
1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly
 2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation
 3. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
 4. Organization of work of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351)



General Assembly Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
United Nations High Commissioner's Office for Refugees (UNHCR)		

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2
	1. Midterm review of the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan (MTSP) for 2002-2005 (E/ICEF/2004/13)	[4]
	Conclusion of discussion	
	2. The updated humanitarian priorities of UNICEF (E/ICEF/2004/14)	[6]
	3. Analysis of the utilization of regular and other resources by country and by aggregate for the priority areas of the MTSP (E/ICEF/2004/16)	[5]

- 3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2
1. UNICEF follow-up to the fourteenth meeting of the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board (E/ICEF/2004/15). [7]
 2. Early childhood development: oral report [8]
 3. Summaries of midterm reviews and major evaluations of country programmes [9]

Introduction by the Director of the Evaluation Office

Eastern and Southern Africa (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.27); West and Central Africa (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.28); the Americas and Caribbean (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.29); East Asia and the Pacific (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.30); South Asia (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.31); Central and Eastern Europe; the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.32); and the Middle East and North Africa (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.33)

[Informal consultations on the tenth anniversary of the Year of the Family will be held today, 14 September 2004, from 1 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.]

General Assembly

Second Committee

Informal briefing

The Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, will hold an informal briefing on Second Committee related matters, *today*, 14 September 2004, at 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People on the theme "Ending the Occupation – A key prerequisite for achieving peace in the Middle East", organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, will continue *today*, 14 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to be followed by workshops in the afternoon. All Governments, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies are invited to attend the plenary meetings as observers.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session (item 13 (a)) and on the report of the Secretary-General on a smooth transition strategy of countries graduating from least developed countries status, *today*, 14 September 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on draft resolution E/2004/L.39 on the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (item 6 (b)), *today*, 14 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution contained in the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2004/31), *today*, 14 September 2004, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

The Commission on the Status of Women will hold informal consultations on preparations for its forty-ninth session, *today*, 14 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, informal consultations on UNOPS progress report will take place *today*, 14 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. at UNOPS Headquarters. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 14 September 2004

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) (at the expert level) (Sixth Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (organization of work of the Third Committee)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (draft Ministerial Declaration)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

African Group (experts of the Third Committee)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Briefing by the UNICEF Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Nils Arne Kastberg, UNICEF Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua, today, 14 September 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members and observers of the Executive Board of UNICEF from the Latin American and Caribbean region are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua (tel. 1 (212) 490-7997).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/assg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 14 September 2004**Room S-226**

- 11 a.m. Mr. Palitha Kohona, Chief of the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs; Mr. Mark Bowden, Chief of the Policy Development and Studies Branch, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); and Ms. Cate Steains, OCHA Policy Advisor (on "Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians" (21-24 September))
- Guest at 12 noon Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM); Mr. Christian Ahlund, Executive Director, International Legal Assistance Consortium; and Judge Navanethem Pillay, International Criminal Court (on the Conference "Gender Justice in Post-Conflict Situations: Peace Needs Women and Women Need Justice" (15-17 September))

Forthcoming official meetings**Wednesday, 15 September 2004****General Assembly**

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

10 a.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 4

1. Organization of work of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/59/1)
2. Letter from the President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly (A/59/355)

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 50 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, and Friday, 17 September, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in A/C.2/59/L.1.

The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, will be open on Monday, 20 September 2004. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee Informal briefing

Pursuant to paragraph 3 (h) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Chairman-elect of the Third Committee, H.E. Mr. Valeriy P. Kuchinsky (Ukraine), will hold an informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 15 September 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The briefing will be preceded by a short presentation by the Fire and Safety Unit under the provisions of a new safety policy for all meetings of 100 or more participants.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

On Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) will hold a briefing for all interested Member States on the work of the Committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Ionut Suseanu, Permanent Mission of Romania (tel. 1 (212) 682-3274; e-mail ionut.suseanu@romaniaun.org) or the Secretariat focal point, Mr. Jeremy Farrall (tel. 1 (212) 963-2475; e-mail: farrall@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will be held on Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on issues before the resumed substantive session for 2004.

Resumed substantive session 2004

The Economic and Social Council will convene a meeting of its resumed substantive session 2004, on Thursday, 16 September 2004, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

Informal consultations Informal consultations on maternal mortality in West and Central Africa will take place on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

The second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will be held from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 September 2004, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2004/L.3.

Informal consultations In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, informal consultations will take place before the session as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 15 September, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6: United Nations Capital Development Fund

Thursday, 16 September, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8: Strategic cost management

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings on the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from Permanent Missions attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. *General briefing on the work of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly:* Wednesday and Thursday, 15 and 16 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.
2. *Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. *Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 3 to 6 p.m.
4. *Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee:* Monday, 20 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing and panel discussion on the *African Economic Outlook*

There will be a briefing on the *African Economic Outlook* by the African Development Bank and the OECD Development Centre, on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing, co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), will be followed by a panel discussion, to be chaired by Ms. Yvette Stevens, Director of OSAA. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. David C. O'Connor, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4677; e-mail oonor3@un.org).

Group of 77

The Group of 77 will hold a closed meeting on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals and Director, United Nations Millennium Project, on "Making the MDGs operational: The emerging recommendations of the United Nations Millennium Project".

Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers

There will be a meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 24 September and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements**United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses**

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, organized by the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 September 2004, in Conference Room 5; and on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 September, in Conference Room 3. [For further information: e-mail socialstat@un.org; Web site <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/egm/CensusEGM04>]

Live webcast of the general debate of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The general debate of the fifty-ninth General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand (in English and original language), from Tuesday, 21 September, to Friday, 1 October 2004, at the following address: www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an advance electronic copy of their statement, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, for timely and accurate posting of the text on the General Assembly Web site. The statements should be sent to webcast@un.org.

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (c) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

General Assembly**Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session**

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings**Monday, 13 September 2004****Security Council**

5031st meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

Letter dated 23 August 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/679)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Heraldo Muñoz, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and Associated Individuals and Entities.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ambassador Muñoz.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, the Russian Federation, Germany, France, China, Benin, Angola, Algeria and Brazil, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Spain.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Australia, the Netherlands (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Japan, Singapore, India, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Ambassador Muñoz made concluding remarks.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

95th plenary meeting

Hurricanes in the Caribbean

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Governments and the peoples of the Cayman Islands, Cuba, Grenada and Jamaica, for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage that has resulted from the recent hurricanes in the area.

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica and Cuba.

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [56]

(a) *Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council (A/58/47)*

(b) *Draft decision (A/58/47, paragraph 30)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 56.

Statements were made by the representatives of Liechtenstein and Ecuador.

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision contained in paragraph 30 of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council (A/58/47).

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 56.

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 154 directly in plenary meeting and agreed to proceed immediately to its consideration.

International Criminal Court [154]

(a) *Note by the Secretary-General (A/58/874 and A/58/874/Add.1)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/58/L.68)*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 154.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.68.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and China.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.68 (resolution 58/318).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 154.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 12.

The General Assembly decided that the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution 56/212 of 21 December 2001, would be considered by the Assembly at its sixtieth session.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 12.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [17 (i)]

The General Assembly decided to defer its consideration of this sub-item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 17 and of agenda item 17 as a whole.

- Question of Cyprus* [30]
- Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo* [31]
- The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti* [33]
- The President recalled that in accordance with paragraph 4 (b) of the annex to Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, agenda items 30, 31 and 33 would remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.
- The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 30, 31 and 33.
- United Nations reform: measures and proposals* [57]
- The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 57.
- Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields* [58]
- The President recalled that, in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of the annex to Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, agenda item 58 would be eliminated from the agenda.
- The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.
- Improving the financial situation of the United Nations* [123]
- The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.
- The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 123.
- Administration of justice at the United Nations* [128]
- The General Assembly decided to include this item in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.
- The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 128.
- Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola* [135]
- The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.
- The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 135.
- Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor* [139]
- The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the draft agenda of its fifty-ninth session.
- The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 139.
- Agenda items remaining for consideration during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly*
- The President recalled that the following agenda items, on which action had been taken by the General Assembly at previous plenary meetings, still remained for consideration during the fifty-eighth session of the Assembly.
- Item 10 Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
- Item 11 Report of the Security Council

- Item 18 Admission of new Members to the United Nations
- Item 25 University for Peace
- Item 28 The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security
- Item 37 The situation in the Middle East
- Item 38 Question of Palestine
- Item 40 Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance
- Item 44 Culture of peace
- Item 49 Information and communication technologies for development
- Item 50 Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields
- Item 55 Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly
- Item 59 Strengthening of the United Nations system
- Item 60 Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
- Item 83 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
- Item 94 Environment and sustainable development
- Item 117 Human rights questions
- Item 120 Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003
- Item 122 Programme planning
- Item 124 Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
- Item 125 Pattern of conferences
- Item 133 Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations
- Item 156 Measures to eliminate international terrorism
- Item 161 Financing of the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire

The President recalled that these items, with the exception of items 25, 120, and 161, had been included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of the aforementioned items.

Closure of the fifty-eighth session

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The President then declared closed the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Monday, 13 September 2004

Convention on the Right of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Thirty-seventh session

United Nations Office at Geneva

972nd meeting

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document CRC/C/141.

The Committee was then addressed by Ms. Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin, Chief of Treaties and Commission Branch.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Czech Republic (13 September 2004)

Treaty Event

Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians

United Nations Headquarters

(21-24 September 2004)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

**Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)**

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions, and Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (<http://untreaty.un.org>). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event

Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place from 23 to 24 September 2004 during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembe 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>.

UNEP Chemicals
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
11-13, Chemin des Anémones
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E-mail: esobakina@unep.ch

Other announcements

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Stand-by Arrangements with the Czech Republic

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Stand-by Arrangements with the Czech Republic will take place *today*, 14 September 2004, at 10.30 a.m. in room S-3727A.

Photo exhibit

The exhibit "Guatemala: Images of Peace" from the photographic collection of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA), organized by the Department of Political Affairs, in cooperation with MINUGUA and the Department of Public Information, will be on display until the first week of October, in the south east corner of the Visitors' Lobby. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend the opening ceremony, to be held *today*, 14 September, at 5.15 p.m. The Secretary-General and Mrs. Nane Annan will be present at the ceremony. More information about the exhibit can be found at the following address:
www.minugua.guate.net.gt.

Security announcement

A briefing for delegations from the Permanent and Observer Missions regarding protocol, security and organizational arrangements for the forthcoming general debate of the General Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 15 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Sergeant Yassin Sallam (tel. 1 (212) 963-2687 or 963-7531).

At the request of delegations, the Pass and Identification office hours will be extended to accommodate members of delegations by prior arrangement with Sergeant C. Mammen (tel. 1 (917) 367-5312 or (212) 963-7533).

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 19 September 2004, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September 2004. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

www.un.org/esa

Dutch presidency of the European Union:

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A/59/295	Item 14 of the provisional agenda — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

- A/59/337-S/2004/721 Item 151 of the provisional agenda — Measure to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 8 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

- A/C.3/59/L.1 Organization of the work of the Third Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

Security Council

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- S/2004/396/Corr.1 Letter dated 1 June 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council — Report of the Panel of Experts pursuant to paragraph 22 of Security Council resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia [A C E F R S]
- S/2004/716 Letter dated 3 September 2004 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
- A/58/885-S/2004/720 Letter dated 3 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/59/337-S/2004/721 Letter dated 8 September 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- S/Agenda/5029 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
- S/Agenda/5030 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
- Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia**
- S/AC.41/2004/(14)/8 Note verbale dated 31 August 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
- Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003)**
- S/AC.42/2004/2 Note verbale dated 7 September 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
- S/PRST/2004/32 Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

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- DP/2004/32 Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Report of the annual session 2004 (14 to 23 June 2004, Geneva) [A C E F R S]
- DP/2004/L.3 Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan — Note by the Executive Board secretariat [A C E F R S]

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Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Report on the mid-term review of the UNICEF medium-term strategic plan (2002-2005) [A C E F R S]

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Official meetings

Wednesday, 15 September 2004

Security Council

- 10 a.m. 5034th meeting (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Liberia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B
- 11 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) Consultations Room
- UNMIL (S/2004/725)
- Other matters
- 3 p.m. 5035th meeting (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber
1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annexes II, sections A and B

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

- 10 a.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 4
1. Organization of work of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/59/1)
 2. Letter from the President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly (A/59/355)



General Assembly Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Board of Auditors	

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2
	1. Summaries of midterm reviews and major evaluations of country programmes: West and Central Africa (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.28); the Americas and Caribbean (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.29); East Asia and the Pacific (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.30); South Asia (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.31); Central and Eastern Europe; the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.32); and the Middle East and North Africa (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.33)	[9]

2.	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation	[10]
(a)	Guatemala: draft country programme document (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.24)	
(b)	Recommendation for additional resources for approved country programmes (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.25)	
(c)	Recommendations to increase the other resources ceilings for approved country programmes (E/ICEF/2004/P/L.26)	
3.	Guidelines for Executive Board field visits (E/ICEF/2004/19)	[18]
3-6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2
1.	Medium-term strategic plan: financial plan and related recommendation for the period 2004-2007 (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.4)	[12]
2.	The UNICEF recovery policy: an update (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.5)	[13]
3.	Report on internal audit activities in 2003 (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.8)	[14]

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 50 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3-6 p.m. Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

Third Committee

Informal briefing

The informal briefing on the Committee's organization of work for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly scheduled for *today*, 15 September 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, *has been postponed*.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on draft resolution E/2004/L.39 on the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (item 6 (b)), *today*, 15 September 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), on international cooperation in tax matters (item 13 (h)), *today*, 15 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mfundiso Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution contained in the report of the

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2004/31), *today*, 15 September 2004, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme
and of the United Nations Population Fund**
Informal consultations

In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, informal consultations on the United Nations Capital Development Fund will be held *today*, 15 September 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 15 September 2004

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

League of Arab States

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) (New York Committee)

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (draft Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room A

UNITAR general briefing for new delegates to the General Assembly

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 15 September 2004**Room S-226**

Guests at 12 noon

Ms. Safiye Cagar, Director of Information and External Relations, United Nations Population Fund; and Ms. Jill Sheffield, President of Family Care International (on the State of the World Population Report)

2.15 p.m.

Mr. Palitha Kohona, Chief of the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs; Mr. Mark Bowden, Chief of the Policy Development and Studies Branch of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); and Ms. Cate Steains, OCHA Policy Advisor (on "Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians" (21-24 September))

Forthcoming official meetings**General Assembly****Second Committee**

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in A/C.2/59/L.1.

The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, will be open on Monday, 20 September 2004. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Security Council**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)**

On Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) will hold a briefing for all interested Member States on the work of the Committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Ionut Suseanu, Permanent Mission of Romania (tel. 1 (212) 682-3274; e-mail ionut.suseanu@romania.un.org) or the Secretariat focal point, Mr. Jeremy Farrall (tel. 1 (212) 963-2475; e-mail: farrall@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will be held on Thursday, 16 September 2004, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on issues before the resumed substantive session for 2004.

Resumed substantive session 2004

The Economic and Social Council will convene a meeting of its resumed substantive session 2004, on Thursday, 16 September 2004, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

Informal consultations Informal consultations on maternal mortality in West and Central Africa will take place on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

The second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will be held from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 September 2004, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2004/L.3.

Informal consultations In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, informal consultations on strategic cost management will be held on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal high-level meeting

An informal high-level meeting on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa: Paving the way for action in 2005 and beyond", sponsored by the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, will be held on Thursday, 23 September, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings on the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from Permanent Missions attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. *General briefing on the work of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly:* on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1
2. *Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6
3. *Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6
4. *Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee:* Monday, 20 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Briefing and panel discussion on the *African Economic Outlook*

There will be a briefing on the *African Economic Outlook* by the African Development Bank and the OECD Development Centre, on Thursday, 16 September 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing, co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), will be followed by a panel discussion, to be chaired by Ms. Yvette Stevens, Director of OSAA. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. David C. O'Connor, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4677; e-mail occonnor3@un.org).

Group of 77

The Group of 77 will hold a closed meeting on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals and Director, United Nations Millennium Project, on "Making the MDGs operational: The emerging recommendations of the United Nations Millennium Project".

Follow-up discussion of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization (organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and the United Republic of Tanzania and the International Labour Organization)

A follow-up discussion of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, hosted by the Permanent Missions of Finland and the United Republic of Tanzania, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization, will be held on Monday, 20 September 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The event is entitled "Fair Globalization: Implementing the United Nations

Millennium Declaration". Invited guests are kindly requested to be seated by 10.45 a.m. For further information, please contact the International Labour Organization Office for the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers

There will be a meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 24 September and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, organized by the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. *today*, 15 September 2004, in Conference Room 5; and on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 September, in Conference Room 3. [For further information: e-mail socialstat@un.org; Web site <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/egm/CensusEGM04>]

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-1942; room S-34201).

Live webcast of the general debate of the fifty-ninth session

The general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand (in English and original language), from Tuesday, 21 September, to Friday, 1 October 2004, at the following address: www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

General Assembly**Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session**

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the

Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 14 September 2004

Security Council

5032nd meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Progress report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2004/708)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/728, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/728) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/728) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1560 (2004).

5033rd meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 30 of resolution 1546 (2004) (S/2004/710)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Qazi.

The Council heard a briefing by the representative of the United States, on behalf of the multinational force.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Iraq.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-ninth session [1]

The President, H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, declared the fifty-ninth session opened.

The President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/59/350) [115]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General (A/59/350) concerning 13 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

On the proposal of the President, the General Assembly appointed 9 members of the Credentials Committee: Benin, Bhutan, China, Ghana, Liechtenstein, Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America and Uruguay.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351)

The General Assembly decided to authorize those subsidiary organs of the Assembly listed in the letter of the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/59/351), namely the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations Population Fund, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Disarmament Commission, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to meet during the main part of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

Statement by the President of the General Assembly

The President made a statement.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Tuesday, 14 September 2004

Convention on the Right of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Thirty-seventh session

United Nations Office at Geneva

973rd-974th meetings *Consideration of reports of States parties* [4]

The Committee began and concluded the examination of the initial report of Brazil (CRC/C/3/Add.65).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at those meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Ratification: Estonia (13 September 2004)¹

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Sweden (13 September 2004)¹

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Designation of authorities under article 2, paragraphs 1 and 2: Kyrgyzstan (13 September 2004)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Colombia (14 September 2004)¹

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Colombia (14 September 2004)¹

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Central African Republic (14 September 2004)¹

Treaty Event

Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians

United Nations Headquarters

(21-24 September 2004)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

**Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)**

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled *Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions*, and *Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts*. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (<http://untreaty.un.org>). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event

Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place from 23 to 24 September 2004 during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembe 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>.

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Fax. (+41 22) 797-3460
E-mail: esobakina@unep.ch

Other announcements**Security announcement**

A briefing for delegations from the Permanent and Observer Missions regarding protocol, security and organizational arrangements for the forthcoming general debate of the General Assembly will take place *today*, 15 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Sergeant Yassin Sallam (tel. 1 (212) 963-2687 or 963-7531).

At the request of delegations, the Pass and Identification office hours will be extended to accommodate members of delegations by prior arrangement with Sergeant C. Mammen (tel. 1 (917) 367-5312 or (212) 963-7533).

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 19 September 2004, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September 2004. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

General information**Web sites***Presidency of the General Assembly:*

www.un.org/arabic/ga/president
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Department for General Assembly and Conference Management:

www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_arabic.htm
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www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_russian.htm
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/index_spanish.htm

United Nations Webcast:

www.un.org/webcast

Presidency of the Security Council:

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www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/
www.un.org/spanish/docs/presidency/

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www.un.org/sc/
www.un.org/russian/sc/
www.un.org/spanish/docs/sc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:

www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373
www.un.org/russian/document/scdocs/committees/1373
www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:

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www.un.org/french/ecosoc/2004/
www.un.org/russian/ecosoc
www.un.org/spanish/documents/esc/index.htm
www.un.org/chinese/ecosoc/2004/index.html

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:

www.un.org/esa

Dutch presidency of the European Union:

<http://europa-eu-un.org>

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www.un.org/Docs/journal/Sp/latests.pdf

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 14 September 2004.

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	Fifty-ninth session
A/59/203	Items 89 (c) and 98 of the provisional agenda — Globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/204	Item 98 of the provisional agenda — Crime prevention and criminal justice — International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/205	Item 98 of the provisional agenda — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/59/266	Item 49 of the provisional agenda — Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/350	Item 115 of the provisional agenda — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Letter dated 10 September 2004 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/59/351	Items 8 and 114 of the provisional agenda — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Pattern of conferences — Letter dated 9 September 2004 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/59/355	Item 8 of the provisional agenda — Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee — Letter dated 10 September

2004 from the President of the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly addressed to the President of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Security Council**Documents**

S/2004/20/Add.34

Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Council is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]

S/2004/724

Twenty-third report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [A C E F R S]

A/58/887-S/2004/727

Letter dated 8 September 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/5031

Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

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E/ICEF/2004/P/L.26/Add.1

Item 10 of the provisional agenda — Recommendation to increase the other resources ceiling for approved country programmes [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

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Information circular — 2005 competitive examination for recruitment to the Professional category of staff members from other categories [E F (only)]

Communications to the Editor

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UNAMSIL (S/2004/724)
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

11 a.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber
Briefing for all interested Member States, by the Chairman of the Security Council
Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), on the work of the
Committee

Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

3.30 p.m. Closed meeting. Conference Room 5

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m. 113th meeting (closed). Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

3 p.m. Informal consultations¹. Conference Room 4
First informal consultations to discuss organizational matters relating to the
implementation of paragraph 2 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316
of July 2004

¹ Open to all delegations.



Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 1st meeting Conference Room 1
Organization of work (A/59/250¹, A/C.2/59/L¹ and A/C.2/59/L.1)

¹ To be issued.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10
Board of Auditors

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General debate

(21–24 September 2004, 27 September–1 October 2004)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by fax directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative). Delegations wishing to receive an electronic copy of the list are kindly requested to send an e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2004

3.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber
 Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council,
 H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), on all matters before the resumed substantive session
 of the Council

Afternoon¹-6 p.m. 52nd meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Coordination, programme and other questions [7]
 - (a) Reports of coordination bodies (A/59/16)
 - (b) Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007 (relevant fascicles of A/59/6)
2. Non-governmental organizations [12]

Action of draft decision IV contained in E/2004/L.32 (Part I) and statement of programme budget implications (E/2004/L.38)
3. Economic and environmental questions (A/59/99-E/2004/83) [13]
 - (b) Science and technology

Action on draft resolution I contained in E/2004/31
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Elections postponed from previous sessions

 - (a) Commission on Population and Development
 - (b) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (E/2004/L.1/Add.23)
 - (c) Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

¹ Immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Second regular session 2004

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Medium-term strategic plan: financial plan and related recommendation for the period 2004-2007 (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.4) [12]
2. The UNICEF recovery policy: an update (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.5) [13]
3. Report on internal audit activities in 2003 (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.8) [14]
4. Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.9) [15]

3-6 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/ICEF/2004/AB/L.7) [17]
2. Update on developments in human resources (E/ICEF/2004/17) [11]
3. Executive Board programme of work for 2005 (E/ICEF/2004/18) [19]

[Informal consultations on maternal mortality in West and Central Africa will take place *today*, 16 September 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda item 50 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3-6 p.m. Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 50 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on draft resolution E/2004/L.39 on the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (item 6 (b)), *today*, 16 September 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C-209.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Informal consultations

In preparation for the second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, informal consultations on strategic cost management will be held *today*, 16 September 2004, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 16 September 2004

UNITAR general briefing for new delegates to the General Assembly

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (resumed session of the Economic and Social Council: science and technology for development; financing for development; and the draft Ministerial Declaration)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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Group of 77 (on the draft Ministerial Declaration)

4.30-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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OIC Group (at the ambassadorial level)

3.30-6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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Briefing and panel discussion on the African Economic Outlook

There will be a briefing on the *African Economic Outlook* by the African Development Bank and the OECD Development Centre, today, 16 September 2004, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing, co-sponsored by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), will be followed by a panel discussion, to be chaired by Ms. Yvette Stevens, Director of OSAA. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. David C. O'Connor, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4677; e-mail doconnor3@un.org).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm.

Thursday, 16 September 2004

Room S-226

11 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, President of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly
Guests at 12 noon	Mr. Stephen Lewis, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in Africa (on his recent visit to Uganda and Lesotho)
1.15 p.m.	Mr. Bruno Henn, Officer-in-Charge, United Nations Security and Safety Service; and Mr. Abdellatif Kabbaj, Chief of Media Liaison and Accreditation (on security and media arrangements during the session of the General Assembly)

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 17 September 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10.30 a.m. 2nd plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee (A/59/250)

Second Committee

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 4 October 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, will be open on Monday, 20 September 2004. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informals"

There will be informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), on international cooperation in tax matters (item 13 (h)), on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session 2004

The second regular session 2004 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will be held from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 September 2004, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2004/L.3.

Informal high-level meeting

An informal high-level meeting on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa: Paving the way for action in 2005 and beyond", sponsored by the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, will be held on Thursday, 23 September, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Other forthcoming meetings

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UNITAR briefings on the General Assembly

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefings for delegates from Permanent Missions attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

1. *Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6
2. *Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee:* Friday, 17 September, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6
3. *Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee:* Monday, 20 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Group of 77

The Group of 77 will hold a closed meeting on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals and Director, United Nations Millennium Project, on "Making the MDGs operational: The emerging recommendations of the United Nations Millennium Project".

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 (*Global Environment Facility*) on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 (*Third Committee matters*) on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 (*consultation with the Alliance of Small Island States; the review of the SIDS negotiating text*) on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 (*draft Ministerial Declaration*) on Friday, 17 September 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Follow-up discussion of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization (organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and the United Republic of Tanzania and the International Labour Organization)

A follow-up discussion of the report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, hosted by the Permanent Missions of Finland and the United Republic of Tanzania, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization, will be held on Monday, 20 September 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The event is entitled "Fair Globalization: Implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration". Invited guests are kindly requested to be seated by 10.45 a.m. For further information, please contact the International Labour Organization Office for the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).

Meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers

There will be a meeting of Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers on Thursday, 23 September 2004, from 2.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology.

Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held between 24 September and 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting to Review Critical Issues Relevant to the Planning of the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, organized by the Demographic and Social Statistics Branch, Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. *today*, 16 September and *tomorrow*, 17 September 2004, in Conference Room 3. [For further information: e-mail socialstat@un.org; Web site <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/egm/CensusEGM04>]

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be addressed by e-mail to emeetm@un.org, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

General Assembly*Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session*

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-1942; room S-3420J).

Live webcast of the general debate of the fifty-ninth session

The general debate of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will be broadcast live and on-demand (in English and original language), from Tuesday, 21 September, to Friday, 1 October 2004, at the following address: www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements, in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Second Committee

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (item 89 of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/documents/ac2.htm.

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Background information on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (pertaining to item 89 (e) of the provisional agenda of the General Assembly) is available at the following address: www.un.org/esa/policy.

General Assembly**Seating protocol for the fifty-ninth regular session**

On Tuesday, 20 July 2004, in accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General drew lots for the purpose of determining which Member State would occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; consequently, the delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Security Council**Daily informal briefings**

As from Friday, 3 September 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 15 September 2004

Security Council

5034th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Liberia pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 15 September 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5034th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Liberia heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Liberia.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Klein and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had a constructive exchange of views."

5035th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 15 September 2004, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5035th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sierra Leone."

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

General Committee

1st–2nd meetings

The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the General Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/180).

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Wednesday, 15 September 2004

Convention on the Right of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Thirty-seventh session

United Nations Office at Geneva

975th–976th meetings (closed)

Day of general discussion [8]

Methods of work of the Committee [6]

The Committee discussed these items.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Uganda (9 September 2004)¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Guyana (14 September 2004)¹

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Guyana (14 September 2004)¹

Treaty Event

Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians

United Nations Headquarters

(21-24 September 2004)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 12 March 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to the protection of civilians, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, full powers to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

The publication *Multilateral Treaty Framework: An Invitation to Universal Participation Focus 2004: Treaties on the Protection of Civilians* is currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. This publication contains a list of the 24 core treaties relating to the protection of civilians, summaries of key provisions and relevant final clauses, and their status as at 26 March 2004. This information can also be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC) Web site (<http://untreaty.un.org>). It is further noted that the texts and status of all multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General can be obtained from the above Web site under the heading Status of Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Further information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the Treaty Handbook, which is also available on the UNTC Web site.

**Treaty Event on treaties relating to transit transport
United Nations Headquarters
(21-24 September 2004)**

Deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary General

The Treaty Event relating to treaties on transit transport will be organized within the framework of the Focus 2004 Treaty Event, which will take place from 21 to 24 September 2004 at Headquarters.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 28 May 2004, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession pertaining to treaties relating to transit transport, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of the Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-3942; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments of ratifications, acceptance, approval, or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications to the Treaty Section by Monday, 13 September 2004, for verification.

Summaries of the key provisions of and benefits to be derived from as well as the texts of the treaties relating to transit transport are currently being circulated to all of the Permanent Missions in New York. These documents are entitled Issues Note on Selected International Transit Transport Conventions, and Selected International Conventions and Agreements on Transit Transport - Compilation of Electronic Texts. These documents and other relevant information relating to the seminar held on 8 July 2004 are available on the Web sites of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (www.un.org/ohrlls), the Economic Commission for Europe (www.unece.org), and the United Nations Treaty Collection (<http://untreaty.un.org>). The United Nations Treaty Collection also contains the status of the treaties relating to transit transport.

Treaty Event

**Rotterdam Convention on the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
International Conference Centre
Geneva (23 to 24 September 2004)**

Deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General

The above treaty event will take place from 23 to 24 September 2004 during the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties at the International Conference Center in Geneva (rue Varembe 15). The event, which will be covered by the media, will be undertaken in a solemn setting. Arrangements will be made for delegations and others to witness the event.

Delegations that wish to deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Rotterdam Convention during the event are advised to contact the Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention (UNEP Chemicals) at the below address to make the necessary arrangements. Delegations are also requested to submit in advance copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, no later than 17 September 2004.

Delegations may also contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs at United Nations Headquarters in New York for information on the above (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

The text and status of the Convention can be obtained from the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site at the following address: <http://untreaty.un.org>.

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11-13, Chemin des Anémones
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Fax. (+41 22) 797-3460
E-mail: esobakina@unep.ch

Other announcements

Security announcement

At the request of delegations, the Pass and Identification office hours will be extended to accommodate members of delegations by prior arrangement with Sergeant C. Mammen (tel. 1 (917) 367-5312 or (212) 963-7533).

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 19 September 2004, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 20 September 2004. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

General information

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www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
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<http://europa-cu-un.org>

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 15 September 2004.

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Main title</i>
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A/59/175	Item 98 of the provisional agenda — Crime prevention and criminal justice — African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/187	Item 98 of the provisional agenda — Crime prevention and criminal justice — Strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in preventing and combating terrorism — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/188	Item 99 of the provisional agenda — International cooperation against the world drug problem — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/59/283	Item 42 of the provisional agenda — The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order — Letter dated 18 August 2004 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Guyana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

- A/59/294 Item 110 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Progressive implementation of article 20 of the statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- A/59/314-S/2004/704 Item 20 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Letter dated 30 August 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
- General Committee**
- A/BUR/59/1 Organization of the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — Memorandum by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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